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1. (Amended) A data structure for providing a catalog from a manufacturer to a customer, the data structure being stored in a computer readable media, the data structure comprising:

a catalog header record portion;
a system identification portion, the system identification portion including a system type indicator, the system type indicator indicating whether a system is a bundled system or a custom system; and
a system option record portion.

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2. (As Filed) The data structure of claim 1 wherein the catalog header portion applies to an entire catalog.

3. (As Filed) The data structure of claim 1 wherein the system identification record portion includes a plurality of business rule elements that apply to a particular system.

4. (As Filed) The data structure of claim 3 wherein the plurality of business rule elements include a system identification element, the system identification element providing a manufacturer assigned unique identifier.

5. (As Filed) The data structure of claim 3 wherein the plurality of business rule elements include a system identification effective date element, the system identification effective date element providing an effective date that a particular configuration is allowed to be purchased.

6. (As Filed) The data structure of claim 3 wherein the plurality of business rule elements include a system identification action element, the system identification action element programmably informing a customer what function to perform on a system.

7. (As Filed) The data structure of claim 6 wherein the functions to be performed include an add function, a replace function and a discontinue function.

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8. (As Filed) The data structure of claim 1 wherein the system option portion includes a plurality of relationship indicator elements.

9. (As Filed) The data structure of claim 8 wherein the plurality of relationship indicator elements include a relationship identification element, the relationship identification element providing an indicator that communicates for a component, a relationship of the component to other components.

Please cancel claims 10 – 20 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims.

21. (New) A method for providing data structure for providing a catalog from a manufacturer to a customer comprising:

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storing a data structure for a catalog on a computer readable media, the data structure including a catalog header record portion, a system identification portion and a system option record portion;

indicating via a system type indicator whether a system is a bundled system or a custom system.

22. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein the catalog header portion applies to an entire catalog.

23. (New) The method of claim 21 further comprising providing the system identification record portion with a plurality of business rule elements that apply to a particular system.

24. (New) The method of claim 23 wherein the plurality of business rule elements include a system identification element, the system identification element providing a manufacture assigned unique identifier.

25. (New) The method of claim 23 wherein the plurality of business rule elements include a system identification effective date element, the system identification effective data element providing an effective date that a particular configuration is allowed to be purchased.

26. (New) The method of claim 23 wherein the plurality of business rule elements include a system identification action element, the system identification action element programmably informing a customer what function to perform on a system.

27. (New) The method of claim 26 wherein the functions to be performed include an add function, a replace function and a discontinue function.

28. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein the system option portion includes a plurality of relationship indicator elements.

29. (New) The method of claim 28 wherein the plurality of relationship indicator elements include a relationship identification element, the relationship identification element providing an indicator that communicates for a component, a relationship of the component to other components.

This submission cancels claim 10-20, amends claim 1 and adds claims 21-29. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121(c)(1)(ii), Attachment A provides marked up versions of the claims containing the newly introduced changes.